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## Request

for

## Continued Examination (RCE)

Transmittal

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Application Number

09/597,113

Filing Date

June 20, 2000

First Named Inventor

Challberg et al.

Art Unit

3641

Examiner Name

J. Keith

Attorney Docket Number

24-AT-6005

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
ii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

i.  Amendment/Reply      iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
ii.  Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)      iv.  Other Return Postcard; Amdt. Transmittal

2. **Miscellaneous**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a

a.  period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to

a.  Deposit Account No. 01-2384

i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) (\$770.00)

ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) (\$420.00)

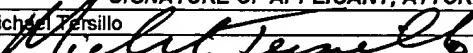
iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

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**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name (Print/Type)	Michael J. Persillo	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	42,180
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Date	September 15, 2004		

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Applicant: Challberg et al.

Serial No.: 09/597,113

Filed: June 20, 2000

For: CORE CONFIGURATION FOR A  
NUCLEAR REACTOR

: Art Unit: 3641

: Examiner: J. Keith

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**P.O. Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

## TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is:  
 Amendment Transmittal (3 pgs.)  
 Amendment After Final Office Action (14 pgs.), in response to Office Action dated April 16, 2004 and made final

## STATUS

2. Applicant



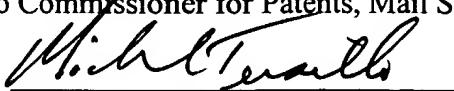
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## EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a)  Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/> first month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> second month	\$ 420.00	\$ 210.00
<input type="checkbox"/> third month	\$ 950.00	\$ 475.00
<input type="checkbox"/> fourth month	\$1,480.00	\$ 740.00
<input type="checkbox"/> fifth month	\$2,010.00	\$1,005.00

Fee Due \$ 420.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

*(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)*

An extension of \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$\_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

OR

(b)  Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

## FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL INDEP.		MINUS		=		x \$9 = \$		x \$18 = \$	
		MINUS		=		x \$43 = \$		x \$86 = \$	
— FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM						+ \$145 = \$		+ \$290 = \$	
						TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	

(a)  No additional fee for Claims is required

**OR**

(b)  Total additional fee for claims required \$

## FEE PAYMENT

5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_

Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$420.00.  
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

## FEE DEFICIENCY

6.  If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

**AND/OR**

If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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In response to the Office Action dated April 16, 2004, and made final, please amend the  
above-identified patent application as follows.